

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Schaumont, et al.  
App. No. : 09/873,553  
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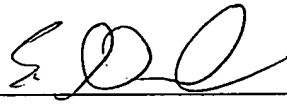
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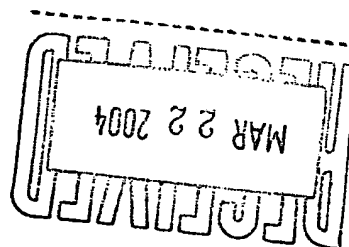
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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
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